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COUNCIL DISCUSSES PLAN FOR REAGENTS INDUSTRY

In January 1947, the Plenum of the Technical Council, Ministry of Chemical Industry, heard a lecture by S. I. Tsiremschikov, chief engineer of Glavkhimreaktiv (Main Administration of Chemical Reagents), on the Five-Year Plan for Development of the Reagents Industry. Concluding remarks concerning the plan were given by A. P. Vinogradov, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences USSR and chairman of the Committee on Analytical Chemistry, Academy of Sciences USSR.

Others who participated in the meeting were: Professor B. A. Sass-Tisovskiy, Academician S. I. Vol'kovich, Professor A. V. Kazakov, Professor S. V. Gorbachev, Professor V. S. Kiselev, Professor A. I. Kazarev, G. V. Uvarov, A. V. Sokolov, B. P. Yershov, R. L. Globus, Professor N. M. Znavorontov, Professor P. A. Moshkin, S. Ya. Faynshteyn, and A. N. Planovskiy, deputy chairman of the Technical Council of the Ministry of Chemical Industry.

Those attending gave positive evaluations for the presented plan, whose fulfillment is to sharply improve conditions for expediting very important scientific works. At the same time, they pointed out the need of much faster satisfaction of requirements for chemical reagents in the first years of the Five-Year Plan. They also indicated the expediency of producing only one item in each category, and sought to prohibit the use of chemically pure reagents for industrial purposes. In addition, they pointed out the possibility of decreasing the number of reagents planned at the expense of some modification in the items. They indicated the expediency of supplementary inclusion, in the plan, of some items, and of increasing the output of part of the products already planned.

The necessity of an actual increase in the work of IREA and of organizing information regarding released production was noted.

Academician S. I. Vol'kovich raised the question of the necessity of attracting attention to the problem of producing reagents, not only in the Glavkhim-reactive and plants of the ministry but also in other ministries and plants.

Professor V. S. Kiselev discussed the above matter. Professor S. V. Gorbachev proposed to attract university laboratories also to work on the problem of reagents.

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Academician A. N. Nesmeyanov criticized theomenclature proposed by the plan from the viewpoint of researchers and organic chemists and proposed a more rationalomenclature. He raised the point that the requirements of scientific workers in organic chemistry could be satisfied by using the bulk product without waiting for it to be released in packaged form.

In answer to Academician A. N. Nesmeyanov, G. V. Uvarov and S. Ya. Faynshteyn reported the possibility of releasing more than 50 different industrial products for laboratory needs solely in the two main administrations which they were representing.

Participants noted the necessity of providing reagents by means of facilities and apparatus at plants of the Ministry of Machine and Instrument Construction and other plants.

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